Number of flights arrived at Trivandrum airport from foreign countries

882. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of chartered flights from foreign countries which arrived at Trivandrum airport during 1988 and in 1989 so far; and

(b) the income earned as a result thereof during the afore said period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Trivandrum airport is open for tourist charter flights. This Department has already approved a proposal from U.K. to operate a tourist charter series from that country to Goa and Trivandrum, subject to the operation being in accordance with the charter guidelines. The tourist charter series is scheduled to operate from October 30, 1989 until April 30, 1990.

(b) Does not arise as the charter flights have yet to operate.

Direct Train Service from Varanasi to Kerala

883. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been receiving requests to start a direct train service from Varanasi to Kerala since 1962;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not starting such a train service; and

(c) whether Government are considering a plan to link these places by extending Cochin-Indore Express to Varanasi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Representations to this effect have been received from time to time.

(b) Operational constraints.

(c) No, Sir.

Teaching of Music, Drawing and Physical Education in Schools

884. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Music, Drawing and Physical Education are taught as subjects or as co-curricular activity at one or more levels in Kendriya Vidyalayas, schools under Delhi Administration and Novodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) whether posts of PGTs in these subjects have been provided for in any one of the above category of schools; and

(c) if so, what is the basis for the determination of staff-strength in these subjects?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) The positions regarding teaching of Music, Drawing and Physical Educaton in Kendrya Vidyalayas, schools under Delhi Administration and Navodaya Vidayalayas are as under:

(i) *Kendriya Vidyalayas*: Music is taught as co-curricular activity and Drawing as a part of socially useful productive work from classes I to VIII. Physical Education is provided in classes I to XII in the form of Physical Training, games and sports. Since these subjects are not taught as electives at +2 stage, there is no provision for appointment of PGTs in these subjects.

(ii) *Schools under Delhi Administration*: Music Drawing and Physical Education are taught at senior secondary level as elective subjects. The posts of PGTs in these subjects are created in schools where students offer them.